

***Students at the following schools are organizing for a Department of Peace:***

Carlsbad High School (CA)  
San Diego State University (CA)  
Mt. San Jacinto College (CA)  
Wisdom University (CA)  
Regis University (CO)  
Oberlin College (OH)  
Baldwin Wallace (OH)  
Miami Dade College (FL)  
Boise High School (ID)  
Manchester College (IN)  
Hesston College (KS)  
Brandeis University (MA)  
Newton North High School (MA)  
University of Maine-Farmington (ME)  
University of Maryland (MD)  
Goucher College (MD)  
Truman University (MO)  
Concordia University (MN)  
University of Nebraska-Wesleyan (NE)  
Monmouth College (NJ)  
University of Oregon (OR)  
Cabrini College (PA)  
Drexel University (PA)  
Lehigh University (PA)  
Temple University (PA)  
Southwestern University (TX)  
Westminster College (UT)  
George Mason University (VA)  
Pacific Lutheran University (WA)  
Seattle University (WA)  
University of Washington (WA)

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**A Department of Peace will work to:**

- Research, articulate and facilitate nonviolent solutions to domestic and international conflict.
- Provide much-needed assistance for the efforts of city, county, and state government in coordinating existing programs in their own communities, as well as programs newly developed and provided by the Department of Peace
- Teach violence prevention and mediation to America's school children
- Confront and reduce gang violence
- Rehabilitate the prison population
- Support our military with complementary approaches to ending violence
- Create and administer a U.S. Peace Academy, acting as a sister organization to the military service academies
- And much more...

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Brandeis University Student Peace Alliance members table at a Red Hot Chili Peppers Concert

**The National Youth Campaign for a US Department of Peace**

***The Student Peace Alliance (SPA)  
advocates for the establishment of a  
Department of Peace through  
education and grassroots action.***

Millions of young Americans are aware of the dangers created by relying solely on brute force to end violence both at home and abroad. We know that peace is more than the absence of war; it is a positive condition in and of itself. The goal of the Student Peace Alliance is to harness the power of this realization, mobilizing its adherents into a serious political constituency.

Our generation must begin to build the culture that supports not only a peaceful tomorrow, but a peaceful today. Student Peace Alliance members partner with local community organizations that are effecting change in the areas of violence prevention and conflict resolution. SPA members work to create an environment on campuses and in local communities that promotes education and discussion about peace building on both the domestic and international levels. SPA also works in close partnership with The Peace Alliance state campaigns to advocate for a U.S. Department of Peace.

Domestically, the Department of Peace will develop policies to effectively reduce the levels of domestic violence, child abuse, mistreatment of the elderly, and other forms of societal discord. Internationally, the Department will advise the President and Congress on the most sophisticated ideas and techniques regarding peace-creation among nations.



Students at the San Diego Walk for Peace

## **The Costs of Violence**

- Approximately 75% of students say they have been bullied at school
- In the U.S., youth homicide rates are more than 10 times that of other leading industrialized nations
- A World Health Organization report estimated the cost of interpersonal violence in the U.S. (excluding war related costs) at \$300 billion a year.
- In the United States, one violent crime occurs every 23.1 seconds, while one forcible rape occurs every 5.6 minutes.

## **The Benefits of Peace**

- A transformative approach to violence prevention in Providence, RI has resulted in a 30% decrease in major crimes from 2002 to 2006.
- The self-sustaining Nurse-Family Partnership in WA has given families hope- after the program there was a 79% decrease in reported child abuse cases and 56% decrease in the number of youth arrested.
- In one Baghdad neighborhood, The United States Institute of Peace trained facilitators in nonviolent conflict resolution and since then the neighborhood has been spared the sectarian violence that consumes the rest of Iraq.

## **Our Generation Calls for Peace**



Danielle Gram speaks with Jill McManigal of Americans for a Department of Peace

*Students across the country are organizing to create a Department of Peace. Some examples of actions include:*

**University Teach-In:** University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) students organized a full day event focused on the costs of war which included presentations by Iraq and Vietnam veterans and screenings of “Why We Fight” and “Ground Truth.”

**Write, call, and meet with Members of Congress:** SPA members organized letter writing initiatives, call-in days, and meetings with members of Congress to advocate for a Department of Peace.

**Students across the country organize Walks for Peace:** High School students in San Diego, CA in partnership with the CA Department of Peace campaign organized a Walk for Peace. Nearly 300 people attended the event which raised awareness about the need for nonviolent conflict resolution and a Department of Peace.